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SUBJ: GRAPE AND LETTICE BOYCOTT

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1. NORWEGIAN TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION VICE PRESIDENT ODD BACH INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HIS UNION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY END ITS BOYCOTT OF NON-EAGLE-BRAND LETTUCE AND GRAPES. DECISION WILL BE MADE WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR TWO, ACCORDING TO BACH, WHO SAID NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION HAD BEEN CONSULTED BUT DECISION HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED INTERNATIONALLY, SINCE NORWEGIAN TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION'S BOYCOTT HAS IN FACT BEEN THE ONLY EFFECTIVE BOYCOTT IN EUROPE. BACH SAID HE AND OTHERS IN TRANSPORT UNION HAD LEARNED FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT RATHER SATISFACTORY LEGISLATION HAD BEEN PASSED IN CALIFORNIA CONCERNING FARM WORKER ORGANIZATION. COMMENT: TRANSPORT WORKERS ARE HEART AND SOUL OF BOYCOTT ACTION HERE. BACH'S STATEMENT THT THIER BOYCOTT IS ONLY EFFECTIVE ONE IN EUROPE IS PROBABLY FAIRLY ACCURATE. TRANSPORT WORKERS HAVE LONG COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF EFFECTIVE ACTION BY UNIONS IN

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OTHER COUNTRIES AND THREATENED TO END THEIRS, WHICH KEP SHIPS

WITH NON-EAGLE-BRAND AMERICAN LETTUCE AND GRAPES FROM UN-
LOADING IN NORWEGIAN PORTS. THIS ENCOURAGED THEIR
BEING UNLOADED ELSEWHERE AND TRUCKED TO NORWAY. TRANSPORT
WORKERS' DECISION TO END BOYCOTT MAY ALSO DISCOURAGE CONSUMER
BOYCOTT EFFORTS.
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